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Hon. Spencer Blackburn Asks a Pardon for J. D. Wagner.

White in the city yesterday Hon. Spencer Blackburn called upon Governor Russell in the interest of J. D. Wagner, of Watauga county, who is serving a term of ten years in the state prison under sentence for arson.

Mr. Blackburn desires that the Governor shall issue a pardon for Wagner. He was told by the governor that he would consider the matter.

It was in 1895 that W. L. Bryan's store was burned in Watauga county, and Jim Cornells, J. D. Wagner and two brothers, Lloyd and Mack were arrested, charged with setting fire to the building. Cornells turned states evidence and swore that himself and three of the Wagners were the guilty parties. The Wagners were each given ten years and Cornells only four, his service as states evidence having much lightened his sentence.

Cornells now makes affidavit that J. D. Wagner was not an accomplice in the arson and had no connection whatever with the crime. It is under these circumstances that Governor Russell is now asked to grant a pardon for Wagner.

Mr. Blackburn is hopeful of obtaining a pardon.—Raleigh Tribune.

Bryanism and Bailey.

Every republican in the country is rejoiced because they say the selection of Bailey as leader of the House is a repudiation of Bryanism. If it were true, the republicans would have cause to rejoice. The repudiation of the Chicago platform would be a repudiation of true democracy, and would prove the death knell of the people's hopes. But Bailey is quite as ardent a free silver advocate as Bryan; he believes as strongly against a "government by injunction"; and he is also hostile to the trusts and a high protective tariff. He favored the nomination of Bland for President over Bryan. That is the only peg that the republicans have to hang their claim that Bailey's elevation is a repudiation of Bryanism. When they read Bailey's exhortation of the Dingley tariff they will see that his democracy and Bryan's is of the same school.—News and Observer.

An old Lancashire miller, noted for his keenness in matters financial, was once in a boat trying his best to get across the stream which drove his mill. The stream was flooded, and he was taken past the point at which he wanted to land; while further on, misfortune still further overtook him, to the extent that the boat got upset. His wife, realizing the danger he was in, ran frantically along the side of the stream, crying for help in a pitiful voice; when to her sheer amazement she was suddenly brought to a standstill by her husband, yelling out: "If I'm drowned, Molly, don't forget that flour's gone up two shillings a sack.—Tit Bits.

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A more callous or more brutal murder than that of the unfortunate Pearl Bryan, whose headless body was found on February 1, 1896, near Newport, Ky., has never been perpetrated in this country, since the testimony at the inquest revealed the fact that the victim had been decapitated while still alive. In the interest of morals as well as of public safety, it is, therefore, cause for satisfaction that her murderers, Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, having been convicted of the crime, were compelled to pay the dread penalty for their diabolical deed in the jail at Newport yesterday. Extraordinary efforts had been put forth to save their necks, and a weaker Executive than Governor Bradley might have yielded to the pressure. Happily for the cause of Justice and for the good name of Kentucky, however, the Governor was inflexible; and the law has thus been vindicated with a reasonable promptitude which must give to its stern decree the highest value in the way of moral effect and deterrent influence on the criminal classes.

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with its petals fully spread, developing itself and making it a happier world.—James Hamilton.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga co, Superior court. In the matter of John Moody and Margaret Moody by their guardian W. J. Wilson. Ex parte.

By virtue of an order of sale made in the above entitled cause by the Clerk of the Superior court of said county and approved by the Judge of the 10th Judicial District of N. C. I as commissioner appointed by said court will offer for sale to the highest bidder at the court house door of said county on the 26th day of April 1897, at 12 o'clock, M. one half interest in the following described property, it being the undivided interest of the above named wards, to-wit: 17 acres of land lying and being in Beaver Dam Township, Watauga co., adjoining the lands of D. J. Hilliard, Hugh Henson and others and known as the F. P. Moody tract of land. Terms of sale one fourth payable in cash on day of sale, balance on 6 and 12 months time with approved security with interest from day of sale on deferred payments. Title to said land reserved until final payment is made. This March 23 1897. Smith Hagaman com'r. J. C. Fletcher, atty. for petitioners.

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